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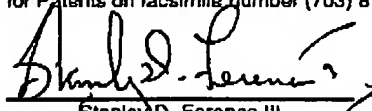
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Serial No. : 10/642,966 Examiner : N. Newhouse  
Filed : August 18, 2003 Art Unit : 3727  
For : SPARE TIRE CARRIER

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Application No. 10/642,966  
Examiner N. Newhouse  
Art Unit 3727

Amendment Transmittal  
Petition and Fee for Extension of Time  
Amendment

(575.040)

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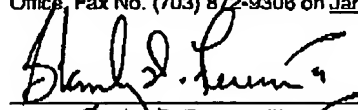
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. ☒ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- OR
2. ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. ☒ Small Entity status of this application has previously been established.
4. ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

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5. ☐ Also enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☒ No additional filing fee is required.
7. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. paid for (Col. 2)	Present Extra (Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
				RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
Total Claims	4	** 20	= * 0	x \$25	= 0	O	x \$50	=
Ind. Claims	1	*** 3	= * 0	x \$100	= 0	O	x \$200	=
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8. ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee.
9. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$\_\_\_\_\_ filing fee to Deposit Account No. 15-----.
10. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15----. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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